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FOR PRESIDENT

JAMES A. GARFIELD.

OF OHIO.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

OF NEW YORK.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative,

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For Collector,

R. G. BIELBY.

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JOHN SHAVER.

For Treasurer,

PETER J. BROWN.

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A. D. RISON.

For Assessor,

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For Surveyor,

T. J. DOCKERY.

For Public Administrator,

GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

For Coroner,

JOHN WADDILL.

Judge 1st District,

S. P. STAHL.

Judge 2d District,

J. Q. JOHNSON.

BUSINESS AND POLITICS.

As a rule the year of a presidential

canvass is much below the average in

business prosperity. This year is like-

ly to prove a notable exception to the

general law. The common carrier,

notably the railroads, are

doing a very thriving and remunerative

business, if the year's reports can

be trusted, and doubtless they are

correct. The trade of the summer

months has not suffered even the

usual depression of the season. The

manufacture of all staple goods is be-

ing pushed with more than usual

energy. Great mining and railroad

projects are formed and wherever

found practical have no difficulty to

secure money at easy rates for their

development. At no time since the

war has money been so abundant and

cheap in the west as it is now. And

this too without any unusual falling off

in the movement of stock, grain,

mineral or other products. Now, so

far as business is affected by a political

canvass this is to be accounted for we

think in the manner following:

1. The character of the canvass.

It is evident that the issues are such

as will be settled with the election, are

chiefly political, and only indirectly

affect commercial interests. The

spirit of the contest is much less bitter

and personal than formerly for which

we are glad.

2. The chief reason however is found

in the prospective result. It is gen-

erally expected in the business circles

that the republican party will con-

tinue its wise and economical man-

agement of the national administration

for the next four years. Many who

were deceived by the cry of "Flood

and reform" four years ago will vote

for Gen. J. A. Garfield and in their

congressional districts for the republi-

can nominee. They have therefore an

assurance of honest money, honest

administration of public trusts, the

maintenance of law and order in the

south as in every other section; hence

business ventures are boldly made

knowing they will gather in peace the

fruits of honest labor.

THE SITUATION.

It is useless as well as impossible to

disguise the fact that as far as a

legal government is concerned there

are many districts of the south, espe-

cally in Mississippi, Alabama, and

Georgia in which it does not exist. Per-

haps in no other section of the world

such a state of affairs is tolerated for

a month even without revolution or

resistance. Not that these commu-

nities are necessarily lawless, as the

ordinary acceptance of the term, for

the ordinary local affairs, the law

suits, the civil and criminal processes

go on reasonably and promptly. But

down underneath the system is the

shameful fact, no longer seriously

denied even by the communities

where they exist that the will and

wish of the majority, do not and

cannot find expression at the ballot

box. And this fact, under our system of

government vitiates the whole civil

and taints it as a crime against the

very genius of our form of government.

It is the rule of an oligarchy, a

real usurpation, on the part of a

minority, just as destructive, and just

as heinous as if carried by force of

arms instead of by stealth. Where

such a state of affairs exists every

member of congress, a pretender and

a fraud, and his acts in such a capacity,

an impertinence and a crime. A

president elected by an electoral

college secured by such means

would be as much a traitor and

usurper as he would have been had

he organized an armed force and

sized the government with the point of

the bay-

onet. Whether the American people,

should such a crisis present itself,

consent to submit, remains yet to

be tested.

The situation is really more serious

than people ordinarily imagine, and

another lightning flash may come as

it did in '61 and reveal to a startled

people the heinousness of this crime

they have been permitting against

our free institutions. The Chicago

Times truthfully says that General

Weaver need not have gone south

to ascertain that there was no legal

election there for the returns of the

elections carried on their faces the

proofs of their fraudulent

character. With bogus congress-

men to make our laws, a bogus

executive, bogus judges in the bench,

and bogus officers to enforce bogus

laws, we will become a hiss and a

by-word, as we would deserve to be

among the enlightened governments

of the world. But the American

people will not much longer permit

this effort to poison the fountain of

national existence for which so

much blood, treasure and precious

lives were spent so freely. The

current has turned and we do not

believe even the trickery and cor-

ruption of the last shameful attempt

to steal the presidency, along with

the solid south secured by fraud, can

be repeated. Our next vote promises

to be of such unmistakable emphasis

that it will leave no excuse or

palliation for further effort, to

defeat the will of the nation, and

we will be the man or the party

who shall longer presume to

stand in the way of or obstruct

that will, legally expressed through

the ballot box in next November.

We have a man in this town that

has taken it into his head to attempt

to run a paper without brains, and

depend entirely upon wind and he

has thus far outlived Dr. Tanner.

There is hope for the editor of the

Democrat yet. He has discovered

the lack of one of the requisites to

run a paper—brains, and confesses

his inefficiency. We trust he will

receive the benefits of open

confession. The Democrat has our

sympathy.

Landers the democratic candidate

for governor of Indiana, has

accepted a challenge given him by

Porter the republican candidate

for the same office, for a joint

discussion upon political

issues, one speech to be made in

each congressional district. That

is what we would be glad to see

all over the country. The

representatives of the two

parties claiming the support of

the people meeting in fair open

discussion of the question at issue,

then we would be particular about

putting our ablest men in the

field while the sky is clear and

wire puller would be less potent

in politics than now.

The Indiana democracy are in a

worse condition than has been

since the Knights of the Golden

Circle had control of it. The

democrats there are reduced

to such extremes that they are

forced to send to Massachusetts

for Ben Butler to help them out.

Verily, their hopes hang upon an

uncertain support.

The acoustic proprietor knows

some terrible secrets.—Democrat.

If the terrible secrets which the

editor of the Democrat claims to

know, should happen to be

accurate, we hope his former

experience will prevent his

forging the name of a

respectable young lady to

them as was done before. Though

he may be just in the "prime" of

life, as he claims he is certainly

old enough to quit all such

frisky tricks.

By the way we haven't heard

that the "Graphic" was a

democratic paper in disguise

for some weeks. The

Graphic is for the whole party

and is a newspaper, not a

newspaper. It doesn't take any

pressure to keep the Graphic in

the traces. The Graphic is a

whole team including

traces, harness and vehicle. It

can't kick out of itself, and

besides it doesn't want to.

Sturgeon, Mo., Aug. 24, 1880. Editor

Graphic.—The republicans of this

county are whooping up M. H. Harris

for state auditor.

He is a man well qualified for

the position, of irreproachable

character, and a statesman in

whom there is no man to

behold. He is the man to

take the place of

the late Mr. Harris.

The democracy of Tennessee are

divided. The Louisville

Commercial claims a fair

prospect for the election

of a republican governor and

legislature.

The democrats have not made

much head for John McDaniel

whisky ring. The republicans

were so much afraid of those

fellows, says the Commercial,

that they put them all in the

penitentiary once.

On the 12 instant an excursion

party went from Chattanooga

to Niagara Falls. It was found

that there were 123 voters in

the company who gave

the following vote: For Gen.

Garfield 12, for Gen. Hancock

31. Straws indicate the

current.

"A good way to get rid of

tramps, deputize the editor of the

Democrat to read them one of

his essays.

The editor of the Democrat is

repeatedly frank this week. Hear him!

We know but little, and do not

know why that we know that

little, but such is it we will

give unto you.

The editor need not have

written the above, as his

readers discovered the fact

long since.

A magnetic workingman's

ticket the democratic

combination makes with

a soldier on one end and a

Shylock on the other.

Life must be measured by

action, not by time; for a

man may be old at thirty,

and young at eighty; may

live long after death, and

the other perished before he

died.

WHAT DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

MEANS.

The coming campaign is to be

politically of more importance,

than any we have had since

1860, and though the events

to follow will be less start-

ling than those which fol-

lowed that memorable cam-

paign, they will be of grave

importance to our people both